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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: VIRGINIA	
COUNTY: ROCKINGHAM	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME
COMMON:
LINCOLN HOMESTEAD AND CEMETERY
AND/OR HISTORIC:
JACOB LINCOLN HOUSE

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
E side of Rt. 42, 1 mi. S of intersection with Rt. 684
CITY OR TOWN:
Broadway vicinity (James Kenneth Robinson, Seventh District Congressman)
STATE: Virginia CODE: 51 COUNTY: Rockingham CODE: 55

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments _____ _____ _____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. M. C. Showalter
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Broadway
STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Rockingham County Court House
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisonburg
STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 ☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Washington
STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed
 (Check One)
☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered (Check One)
☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lincoln Homestead stands on the southeast side of the Linville Creek Road, in the heart of the beautiful Mennonite farm country of Rockingham County. The house is a substantial Shenandoah Valley Federal-style brick dwelling built in two sections. The original, or front section, is a two-story brick structure covered by a gable roof with a six room, three-on-three plan and center stair hall. The two rooms on the north side have corner fireplaces with mantels. The large room on the south side of the hall has its fireplace centered on the south wall. The original first floor mantels, thought to have been made by the cabinetmaker named Schultz, who made the front doorway, unfortunately have been removed.

The brick on the facade is laid in Flemish bond with thin mortar joints, while the sides are in common bond. There is an unornamented three-course belt course between the first and second floors. The bricks were made locally and have been painted in recent years. At the base of the front slope of the roof is an elaborate wooden cornice with Wall-of-Troy molding, corbels and dentils. The splayed lintels with keystones over the front and side windows are of limestone. The original small-pane sash has been replaced by two-over-two sash.

One of the outstanding architectural features of the house is the beautiful Federal-style doorway. The opening is flanked by fluted pilasters supporting entablatures ornamented with pateras. The doorway's cornice is a small-scale version of the main cornice, having corbels and Wall-of-Troy molding. The door is topped by a round arch transom with interlacing "Gothic" tracery. Unfortunately the pediment with its open tympanum has been sawn off at the ceiling line of the modern three-bay porch across the house's front.

The two-story brick rear ell, built in 1849, originally was a detached structure. It was joined to the main house with a masonry connection on the early 1900's. None of the farm's early outbuildings remain.

On the hill to the north of the house is the Lincoln family cemetery in which are buried five generations of the family. Among those buried is "Virginia John" Lincoln, great-grandfather of the President; Jacob Lincoln, builder of the nearby house; and Uncle Ned and his wife Queen, the last of the Lincoln slaves. Until recently the cemetery was poorly maintained but responsibility for it has been taken over by the Rockingham Historical Society which is restoring and maintaining the property.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☒ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

losophy

HISTORY

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☐ Science

☒ Architecture

☐ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☐ Art

☐ Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications

☐ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1768, John Lincoln, his wife, five sons and four daughters moved from Berks County Pennsylvania into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where he purchased 600 acres of land on Linville Creek, now in Rockingham County. "Virginia John" Lincoln's eldest son Abraham, who married in Rockingham County, was the father of Thomas Lincoln, born on Linville Creek in 1776. In 1782 Abraham, with his family, including Thomas, migrated to central Kentucky. There Thomas married Nancy Hanks and became the father of Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States.

One of John Lincoln's younger sons, Jacob, built the two-story brick house located less than a half mile from the site of John Lincoln's original house. John Lincoln's house was since destroyed and Jacob Lincoln's substantial home became the seat of the Virginia branch of the Lincoln family. The house is an unusually sophisticated example of Federal-style architecture for an area where most of the farmhouses follow the more provincial Pennsylvania German architectural tradition. According to a traditional account, Jacob Lincoln hauled mahogany from New York or Pennsylvania and had a local cabinetmaker named Schultz make fine furniture from it for the house. Schultz was also employed to carve the mantels and handsome front doorway for the house. The mantels have been removed and only the doorway remains to testify to Schultz's skill.

The house remained in the Lincoln family until 1874 when it was sold to the Bowman family. The place was long the home of Samuel M. Bowman, a prominent farmer of the Linville Creek Valley. Despite the passing of the property from the Lincolns, the cemetery with its five generations of Lincolns, including the family patriarch, John Lincoln, remains a witness to the family's deep-seated connections with Rockingham County.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harrison, Houston, Settlers by the Long Grey Trail.
 Terrell, Isaac, Old Houses in Rockingham County 1750 to 1850.
 Wayland, John, A History of Rockingham County, Virginia.
 Wayland, John, Historic Homes of Northern Virginia.
 Wayland, John, The Lincolns in Virginia.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY.			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38° 33' 56"	78° 50' 12"			
NE	38° 33' 56"	78° 49' 17"			
SE	38° 33' 14"	78° 49' 17"			
SW	38° 33' 14"	78° 50' 12"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 350 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff		DATE July, 1972
ORGANIZATION Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission		
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building		
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE Virginia	CODE 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name _____

J. R. Fishburne, Director

Title Va. Historic Landmarks Commission

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle (scale: 1:25,000)
 Broadway, Va. 1967

LINCOLN HOMESTEAD AND CEMETERY

Latitude	Longitude
NW38°33'56"	78°50'12"
NE38°33'56"	78°49'17"
SE38°33'14"	78°49'17"
SW38°33'14"	78°50'12"

